[English]

Computerisation at Sub-Urban Railway Stations

1484. SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI NAVINCHANDRA MEHTA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to computerise the ticket counters at the sub-urban Railway Stations;

(b) whether any plans have bene drawn for the projects, and

(c) if so, the details thereof and funds allocated for the purpose during the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Computerised reservation facilities have been provided at certain suburban stations of metropolitan and major town. Computerisation has also been done on an experimental basis for issue of season tickets at eight suburban stations in Mumbai. Besides Micro-processor based Self Printing Ticket Machines have also been provided at important suburban stations.

(b) and (c) In the financial year 1996-97 it is proposed to provide computerised reservation facilities at 21 additional suburban stations on the Indian Railways. An outlay of about Rs. 12.29 crores has been made during the Eighth Five Year Plan for providing these facilities at suburban stations.

[Translation]

Broad-Gauge Line Between Chapra to Sivan

1485. SHRI LAL BABU PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to convert Metre Gauge Railway line from Chapra to Sivan via Gopalganj into broad-gauge;

(b) if so, the time by which and the details in this regard and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Constraint of resources.

[English]

Railway Line Between Wadi to Gadag

1486. SHRI RAJA RANGAPPA NAIK : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the proposal regarding laying of new railway line between Wadi to Gadag in Karnataka is pending with the Government since 1952;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the estimated cost of the project; and

(c) the reasons for delay and the present status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Diversion of Railway Line

1487. SHRI RAMACHANDRA VEERAPPA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to divert the Rail line from Bangalore to Manmad via Gulberga Humnabad and Bhalki; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Train for Howrah via Nawada

1488. SHRI RAMENDRA KUMAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to divert any train running between Delhi and Howrah via Nawada - Sheikhpura;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Due to operational constraints.

Sabari Railway Line in Kerala

1489. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received first phase preliminary cum traffic survey report of "Sabari" Railway line in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total amount of money needed for the first phase of construction; and

(d) the present status of IInd phase survey of Sabari Railway line from Punalur to Trivandrum?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (d) A survey for the proposed line from Kottayam to Punalur via Erumely with the branch line from Erumely to Sabarimala has recently been completed and has